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Date April 8, 1980

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FOR: Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: Dr. Brzezinski FROM: Prof. Carl H. Lande

DATE: 2/20/80 SUBJECT: Human Rights

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C. 20520

April 7, 1980

Dear Professor Lande:

I am responding to your letter of February 20, to Dr. Brzezinski expressing your anxiety about the Soviets' use of nerve gas against highland towns in Afghanistan and Laos. You also indicated concern over certain humanitarian aspects of the ethnic Chinese expellees from Vietnam.

The United States has consistently condemned, as an obvious violation of human rights, the use of lethal chemical weapons and called for its immediate cessation. We have addressed this topic in the UN Human Rights Commission where the U.S. Representative has reported refugee accounts and circumstantial evidence that Soviet or cooperating Afghan forces may have used lethal chemical agents in their efforts to suppress continued Afghan national resistance. Some of these accounts describe such effects as blindness, paralysis and death. There is also clearcut evidence that Soviet troops have brought chemical decontamination equipment to Afghanistan.

The United States has also focussed on specific reports that lethal chemical agents are being used against soldiers and non-combatants in Laos and Kampuchea. Many of the members of the Hmong (MEO) hill tribes minority arriving in Thailand as refugees from Laos have reported lethal chemical attacks by Vietnamese and Lao forces there.

As a concrete initiative, our U.S. Representative has proposed the establishment of an independent investigative committee, under the UN Human Rights Commission, empowered to receive testimony from refugees and to examine the sites of alleged chemical attacks. We favor an investigative committee because of the need to deter future use of such agents, and to make it clear to the world that the Commission is

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monitoring such an inhumane weapon.

While we recognize the length of time it takes to bring a Vietnamese refugee family to the United States, it must be borne in mind that the U.S. government is committed to accepting 14,000 refugees per month from Southeast Asia. The processing of this number of individuals and families is a formidable task. Given the size of this undertaking, the United States effort on behalf of the refugees is without parallel and unmatched by any other country in the world.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Derian

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Assistant Secretary for
Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs

U.S. - Our representative to the UN Human Rights Commission is Jerome J. Shestack of Philadelphia.

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March 14, 1980

Dear Professor Lande:

Through the courtesy of Congressman Winn, I received a copy of your thoughtful letter to Dr. Brzezinski of February 20 expressing your strong concerns about Russia's use of nerve gas against highland towns in Afghanistan and Laos.

I've noted your concern about the "human rights" problem, and I am taking the liberty of bringing your letter to the attention of officials with the State Department.

You can expect a further reply from them. Please be assured that your letter will receive every consideration. Thank you for taking the time to express your concern about this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Frank Moore
Assistant to the President
for Congressional Liaison

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The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Ack FM/State
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Very truly yours,

Larry Winn, Jr.
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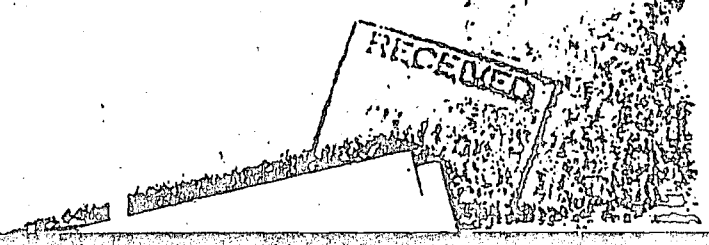

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20 February, 1980

Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski
The National Security Council
The White House
Washington

Dear Dr. Brzezinski:

How can it be that the administration has not protested to the United Nations and to the Russians the use of nerve gas against highland towns in Afghanistan and Laos? Why did it take a year before the administration sent the Seventh Fleet to pick up the masses of ethnic Chinese expellees from Vietnam? Why does it take six months to bring over a Vietnamese family whom a local refugee committee is ready to assist?

It is becoming increasingly clear that the administration's talk of human rights lacks substance. The president and his advisors appear to wholly lack the ability to recognize a real "human rights" problem when it occurs and to respond to it instinctively with the speed and strength of feeling that ought to be expected of the government of a decent people. On moral grounds above all, this administration is a disaster.

Sincerely

Carl H. Lande
Professor

cc:
Senators Dole and Kassebaum
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